



**DICK MURPHY**  
MAYOR

December 12, 2003

John Minan, Chairman  
San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board  
9174 Sky Park Court, Suite 100  
San Diego, CA 92123-4340

Dear John,

In January 2004, the California Coastal Commission will hear the California Earth Corps' petition for revocation of Coastal Development Permit No. 6-01-129 for SeaWorld's splash down ride. On behalf of the City of San Diego, I respectfully request that you or another member of your board attend the hearing to testify on this matter. As a lead monitoring agency for Mission Bay Landfill, your testimony would assist Commissioners in finding that the landfill adjacent to SeaWorld's current construction poses no threat to public health or safety.

Every federal, state, and local agency, including the RWQCB, which has studied, regulated and monitored the landfill for the last 20 years, has determined no public health hazard or danger is present. Every credible expert, every credible study, and every agency with jurisdiction over the landfill has concluded there is no public health problem.

The Coastal Commission's decision to grant the coastal development permit for the splashdown ride was consistent with the Mission Bay Park Master Plan and the Coastal Act. Your testimony would join the expert opinions of the state Department of Toxic Substances Control, the San Diego Local Enforcement Agency and others stating the Mission Bay Landfill and the splash down ride do not represent a public health threat. This would allow SeaWorld to continue its approved development plan and remain one of San Diego's top tourist attractions. I hope you will be able to participate in this important hearing January 14, 15 or 16.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dick Murphy".

Dick Murphy  
Mayor  
City of San Diego

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